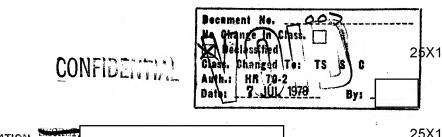
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- 1. Grigore Preoteasa, 38-year-old secretary general of the Poreign Ministry, is a graduate merchant (Kaufmann) having been graduated from the Bucharest commercial academy where he already was an active Communist. Together with Sica Macovescu he published the illegal Communist newspaper Romania Libera (Free Rumania) in 1943 and 1944.
- 2. After having acted as editor of the "leftist-democratic" newspapers Dimineata and Timpul, Macovescu served as assistant to Mircea Grigorescu, extreme leftist press director of the domestic press. The latter undoubtedly knew of the publication of an illegal Communist paper but gave it his tacit support. Horeover Prime Minister Mihai Antonescu was also said to have been aware of this fact.
- 3. After Rumania's surrender, Precteasa became press director and, later, he was appointed secretary general of the Foreign Ministry, a position he still holds. In the Ministry he is Anna Pauker's most important and influential assistant.
- 4. In 1948, when Ralea was Ambassador to Washington and Riposanu was appointed counsellor of the embassy, Preoteasa was commissioned by Anna Pauker to remain temporarily in Washington in order to observe Ralea and Riposanu.



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